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# Arresting Palestinian Jerusalemite Children

The Israel occupation has arrested about 450 child whose ages are less than 18 years old, those arrested children are from the West Bank and Jerusalem's villages and towns. The number of arrested Jerusalemite children are 120 children and they are 26 % of the total number inside the Israeli prisons. In 2013 the arrested Jerusalemite was 23 child, in 2014: 37child and in 2015: 70 child.
Among the detained Jerusalemite children, 45 of them are convicted and 71 are detained by the Israeli Defense Minister command, where4administrative detention decisions were issued in October of the last year against 4 children: " Fadi Hassan Abbasi" 17 years old, "Mohammed Saleh Ghaith" 17 years old, "KathimSubaih" 17 years old and "Mahmoud Shadi Hashelmoon" who was transferred to administrative detention for 6 months. The three children "Mahmood Saleh Ghaith","KadithSubaih" and "FadiAbbasi" were released after they finished their convection
During the last quarter of the last year, the Israeli occupation escalated their targeting and arresting children in Jerusalem, where 10 children were daily exposed to administrative detention; some of them were investigated for hours and even for days.

A rising of administrative detention was noticed, where children detention that are less than 18 years old in Jerusalem in 2013 was raised to 380 cases. In 2014, the number of detained children was raised to 600 cases and in 2015 it was raised to 800 cases.

The youngest one of those who were detained in Jerusalem was "ObaidahMohsinAAish" less than 7 years old and among them the sick child "Mohammed Abd-ElhaiAzzeer" 13 years old child from Jerusalem, who suffers cardio diseases and who is considered as a child with special needs.
In a unique case, the occupation forces broke into the house of the child "Hamza HazimZidany" 2 years old child from Silwan, when the occupation forces discovered that he was only two years old, they released him.
A use of excessive force is noted during children's detention, where these forces are loaded with guns and their faces are covered, they broke into the house in a barbaric way kidnapping the child from his house, beating him violently and throwing him into a military vehicle.

The Israeli procedures forces the child's family to commit itself not to break the imposed judgment, and in case the child breaks the judgment, his parents will be detained and will be forced to pay a big bail and also the child will be detained once again with one of his parents.
Specialists referred to a future threat in what regards Jerusalemite children's detention, in which a child's future path is threatened and the child will be deprived from renewing their identity cards in 10 years , because the Israeli Interior Authority demands everyone who wants to renew their ID to bring a Good Conduct Document ,where the child if deprived form getting his ID card if they found anything in the child's history rejected by Interior demands. Doing such a thing, the Israeli government is trying to establish an idea targeting Jerusalem's children and to empty Jerusalem from its original residents.

Targeting Jerusalemite Children Escalation
The detention of Jerusalemite children has risen up in the last three months of 2015 after the Palestinian national uprising started in the last October due to the attempts of breaking into the Al-Aqsa mosque and due to the random punishments against the Palestinians in Jerusalem, where 800 children who are less than 18 years old were detained, among them 35 children who are less than 12 years old and the youngest one is "Mohammed Nader Abu Ramila" 8 years old.

A Knesset member presented a new law proposal which allows detaining children less than 14 years old, where the current Israeli law does not allow to occupation forces to detain anyone who is less than 14 years old, so this new law proposal was approved by the Knesset.
In a new arbitrary decision, the Israeli occupation authority stressed the imposed punishment on children who are accused of throwing stones. In the past, the punishment used to be from 3 months to six months for those who throw stones and did not hurt any soldier, but it can be years for those who caused harm to any soldier.
Speaking of the new law, the punishment for those who throw stones without hurting anyone will be from three years to ten years and for those who hurt anyone, their punishment will be more than 10 years, referring to a new unit

established by the Israeli forces and this unit is only responsible for tracking those who throw stones and detaining them.
The Israeli Knesset presented a new law in the last August, which imposes an imprisonment punishment up to 10 years on anyone who tries to throw stones on any military patrols or any civil patrols without proving the intention and the punishment then is up to 20 years.
Sometimes, the Jewish settlers kidnap Jerusalemite children, a good example on this is "Mohammed Sa'idOwayda" who suffers from diabetes, he was kidnapped in 26thJanuary 2015 by Jews pretending to be Palestinians while he was playing football in Shu'fat in Jerusalem, they hit him violently.

"Ahmad Jihad Owayda" 15 years old child remembers those moments when the Israeli forces broke into his house saying: "The Israeli forces broke into our house at 4 a.m. in a barbaric way when I was sleeping, I woke up hearing the noise, I was arrested and led to an isolated room. After 3 hours staying in that room, I spent 2 hours and a half under investigation".
Ahmed also added "I felt stress and fear because this is my first time I've been detained. I was affected by my mom's screams and cries". After hours of Ahmed's being alone without being with any one of his family as the Israeli law says , he was released with a financial fine of 3 thousand Shekels without being seen before the court.
In 16th of March 2015, Jerusalem's Magistrate Court judge issued a judgment to release the 15 years old child "Laith Khaled Jamal Husseini" after falsifying the fabricated charges claimed by the Israeli police and the Israeli prosecutor. This incident is considered as an evidence of the Israeli lies and claims during 6 months detention.
Laith was released after spending 6 months in the Israeli prisons, where he was arrested in the 13th of September, 2014, when he was crossing Shu'fat check point, where he was badly beaten and offended by the checkpoint soldiers and later on, the Israeli authorities accused him of throwing stones.

Injured Children Detention
The occupation forces continued their crimes series in detaining children after shooting them, causing them injuries, detaining them and moving them to hospital. After few days, they are transferred to prison without considering their bad health conditions.
In the 8th of October, 2015, a Jewish settler near Pisgatzi'ev settlement, shot two children "Ali EhabAlqam" 11 years old and his cousin "MuawiaAlqam" 14 years old, where Ali was injured with three bullets. He and his cousin were transferred to "Hadasa Ain Karm" hospital.
Ali Alqam is considered the youngest prisoner in the world; Ali had two surgeries for bullets removal from his belly, where he was transferred after a month to a closed internal prison located in the 48 occupied region without setting a detaining period under the Israeli police supervision and social affairs office following up.
In 12/10 2015, the Israeli occupation forces shot fire intensively against the two children "Hassan Manasrah", 15 years old and "Ahmed Manasrah", 13 years old. This led to Hassan's death, where Ahmed was injured with dangerous wounds and the Israeli forces left him bleeding for two hours before he was detained and transferred to hospital.
A video shared by people over the social media showing one of settlors cursing Ahmed while he was bleeding on ground, where he said to him "Die ...Die" with many offences and bad language against him and his family.
Ahmed Manasrah was detained in Hashroon prison after he was transferred from the hospital with older convicts, who threatened him.

Maskoobia Detention:
Most of Jerusalemite detained children were transferred to Maskoobia Prison in Jerusalem, in which children are investigated in bad conditions without permitting their parents or their lawyers to meet to threaten them and to use all forms of pressure to make them confess the crime he did not commit, which are mostly throwing stones on soldiers and military vehicles.
Since the second Intifada, the occupation state has been working through actions and organized strategy against detained Jerusalemite children, some of these actions are: long time trials, torture during investigation, banning any medical care and depriving children from their right to learn.

International Solidarity Campaign Supporting Prisoners and detainees in the Israeli occupation jails "TADAMON", an NGO without consultative status, also shares the views expressed in this statement.